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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - PACIFIC ISLAND AFFAIRS

1. PERSONNEL: MARY HASELTON FORMERLY WITH OUR EMBASSY
IN SUVA HAS JOINED THE STAFF OF EA/PIA ON TEMPORARY DUTY.
WITH BILL BODDE PARTICIPATING IN THE MICRONESIAN STATUS
NEGOTIATIONS IN SAIPAN BEGINNING ON JULY 31 AND SUMMER
VACATION SCHEDULES MARY'S PRESENCE IS REALLY APPRECIATED.
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2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO TESTIFY ON SOUTH PACIFIC POLICY:
DICK HOLBROOKE IS SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY ON US POLICY
TOWARDS THE SOUTH PACIFIC BEFORE THE WOLFF SUBCOMMITTEE
AUGUST 9. WE WILL NOT HAVE TIME TO SEND A DRAFT OUT TO
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THE FIELD BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY IDEAS OR CONTRIBUTIONS
THE POSTS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE. PLEASE CABLE THEM TO
EA/PIA ASAP. UNCLASSIFIED

3. SOUTH PACIFIC POLICY REVIEW: EA/PIA IS BEGINNING THE
DRAFTING PROCESS ON A POLICY REVIEW PAPER WHICH WILL COVER
US POLICY TOWARDS THE SOUTH PACIFIC INCLUDING PNG AND

MICRONESIA. WE HOPE TO CIRCULATE A DRAFT TO THE POSTS
EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

4. MEETING ON DISPUTED ISLANDS: ON JULY 12 MORRIS BUSBY
OES AND BILL BODDE MET IN LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES TUNA INDUSTRY,
HAWAII, AMERICAN SAMOA AND NOAA TO DISCUSS THE ROLE
US FISHING INTERESTS SHOULD PLAY IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE UK AND TUVALU ABOUT THE DISPUTED ISLANDS.
WE HOPE TO HAVE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT ON THE US
NEGOTIATING POSITION IN ORDER TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS
THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON. CONFIDENTIAL

5. NEW ALTERNATE SPC REP: GEORGE CHAPLIN, THE EDITOR-
IN-CHIEF OF THE HONOLULU ADVERTISER, HAS BEEN APPOINTED
BY PRESIDENT CARTER AS AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION. CHAPLIN WILL BE
ATTENDING THE SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE IN NOUMEA, NEW
CALEDONIA THIS OCTOBER AS A MEMBER OF THE US DELEGATION.
CHAPLIN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF HAWAII, SERVED LAST
YEAR AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER
EDITORS. HIS SON, STEPHEN CHAPLIN, IS A FOREIGN SERVICE
INFORMATION OFFICER. UNCLASSIFIED CHRISTOPHER

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